GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:85
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2001
ANTI-DUMPING CASES AGAINST CHINA
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chinese Government have expressed concern over the growing number of anti-dumping cases initiated by Government of India against their manufacturers;

(b) if so, whether a high level Chinese trade delegation visited India in the month of June this year and has warned that such steps initiated by the Government of India will hamper healthy bilateral trade between both the countries; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Indian Government to counter such warnings ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 85 FOR ANSWER ON 27.7.2001, REGARDING ANTI-DUMPING CASES AGAINST CHINA:

(a) to (c) : A Chinese delegation led by Mr. Shang Ming, Deputy Director General of Department of Treaty & Law, Ministry of Foreign Trade & Economic Co-operation met Designated Authority of Directorate General of Anti-Dumping & Allied Duties on 18th June, 2001 primarily to discuss the legal framework of Anti-Dumping measures in the WTO context. The meeting was held in a cordial atmosphere and both the sides reiterated the need to encourage and increase the bilateral trade between the two countries.

Among other issues discussed in the meeting, the Chinese delegation also expressed concern over the Anti-Dumping cases initiated by India against Chinese exports and the prompt and speedy investigations conducted by India.

It was clarified to the Chinese delegation that the anti-dumping investigations in India are conducted under the national law as enshrined in the Customs Tariff Amendment Act, 1975, as amended in 1995, which is in consonance with the provisions of WTO. It was further clarified that these measures are country-neutral and the rules apply uniformly to China as also to any other country, and there is no intention on the part of the Government of India to specifically target China for application of anti-dumping measures. It was also explained that whenever a fully documented petition is filed by the domestic industry and the essential elements of dumping, injury and a causal link are established, the cases are initiated irrespective of the country involved.